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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF PM DEPUTY DIRECTOR

1. IN CONNECTION WITH PARTICIPATION IN NEA CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE T. R. PICKERING, PM DEPUTY DIRECTOR WISHES TO VISIT ATHENS, AMMAN, KUWAIT AND JIDDA. VISITS TO BE LIMITED TO DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF US MISSION INCLUDING MAAGS AND DAOS WHERE APPROPRIATE.

2. TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOLLOWS AT END OF THIS MESSAGE.
EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO ARRANGE TO MEET AND FOR LOCAL
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ACCOMMODATION AS APPROPRIATE. ASSUME TEHRAN HAS ALREADY MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THAT PORTION OF VISIT. MODERATELY PRICED HOTELS DESIRED.

A. FOR ATHENS: APOLOGIZE FOR LATE ANNOUNCEMENT, BUT WOULD HOPE TO HAVE SESSION WITH MAAG AND FLEET SUPPORT OFFICE IN ADDITION TO EMBASSY PERSONNEL CONCERNED WITH POL- MIL QUESTIONS. FOR MAAG DISCUSSIONS, WISH TO FOCUS ON PLANNING FOR FUTURE YEAR CREDIT PROGRAMS AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT MATERIAL WHICH MAAG MAY WISH TO RAISE. FOR FLEET SUPPORT OFFICE, WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO REVIEW WHERE HOMEPORTING NOW STANDS INCLUDING IMPACT ON ATHENS, AND DISCUSS POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREAS FOR PHASE II. FOR EMBASSY, HOPE DISCUSSIONS CAN CENTER AROUND ABOVE PROBLEMS AND ANY OTHERS YOU MAY WISH TO RAISE. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE VISIT TO NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS STATION FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON?

B. FOR AMMAN: WOULD HOPE TO REVIEW FUTURE OF JORDANIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WITH EMBASSY/ DAO, INCLUDING WORK WHICH WILL HAVE BEEN DONE BY VISITING TEAM.

C. FOR KUWAIT: WISH TO FOCUS DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY ON LONGER TERM SALES INTERESTS IN KUWAIT FOR MILITARY HARDWARE, BUT WOULD ALSO WANT TO GET UPDATE ON THE GROUND REGARDING RECENT KUWAITI REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING TALKING WITH ALL CONCERNED ABOUT DOD TEAM STUDY.

D. FOR JIDDA: REGRET WEEKEND VISIT BUT HOPE IF POSSIBLE TO GET FROM EMBASSY, USMTM OVERVIEW OF PRESENT AND FUTURE PROGRAMS FOR SAUDI ARABIA, DISCUSS PROBLEMS RAISED BY AN INCREASE IN MILITARY ACTIVITY IN SOUTHERN AREAS OF ARABIAN PENINSULA AND SAUDI REACTIONS THERETO. IF POSSIBLE, HOPE USMTM CHIEF CAN MEET IN JIDDA.

3. PICKERING SCHEDULE PRESENTLY ARRANGED AS FOLLOWS:

DATE... DEPARTURE TIME... DESTINATION.. FLIGHT.. ARRIVAL TIME

THURS 19 APR...1800..... ATHENS.... TW 890/ TW 840 VIA ROME

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..... ARRIVAL 1425

SUN 22 APR.....1610..... TEHRAN.... KL 501.....2100

WED 25 APR.....0815..... AMMAN.... RJ 901.....0905

THURS 26 APR...1525..... KUWAIT.... KU 556.....1825

SAT 28 APR.....1330..... JIDDA.... SV 803.....1805

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